

<p><b>Cover</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>The title of this book is Rabbits and Raindrops. The words up here (point) tell us the name of the person who wrote the story. The author of Rabbits and Raindrops is Jim Arnosky</i></p>	<p><b>P 2-3 Read P 2</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>This thick row of bushes is the <b>hedge</b>. (Point) Some animals like to crawl under <b>hedges</b> to rest or to make their nests. (Point to the dark space where the rabbits are sitting) This <b>hedge</b> is at the edge of a <b>lawn</b>, just where the grass ends. (Point to the grass under the rabbits' feet.)</i></p>	<p><b>P 4-5 Read 4</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>So the five baby rabbits have never been out of the nest to see anything. I wonder what they will see and what they will do! Let's find out.</i></p>
<p><b>P 6-7 Read P 6-7</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Hops means that she moved by quick, springy jumps. (Point to the mother rabbit's front legs, then back legs) She's leading her babies out onto the grassy <b>lawn</b>.</i></p>	<p><b>P 8-9 Read P 8</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Look! One baby hopped out first, then another baby followed. Point to the baby rabbits, labeling them first, second, third, fourth, and fifth.</i></p>	<p><b>P 10-11 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>            Point to objects and creatures as you name them. Define <b>nibbles</b> as taking little bites.</p>
<p><b>P 12-13 Read 13</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Here are the big round drops of water that fall from the dark clouds. (Point to them) It looks like the babies are surprised, (Point to the baby getting splashed on the right side of the page) or curious about the <b>raindrops</b>.</i></p>	<p><b>P 14-15 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>The mother rabbit is worried that her babies' fur will get <b>soaked</b>, really wet, because their fur is not waterproof. The babies will be uncomfortable if they get <b>soaked</b>, so their mother is taking them back to their nest in a hurry, very quickly.</i></p>	<p><b>P 16-17 Read 17</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>            Point to the rabbits. <i>Here they all are back under the <b>hedge</b> where they are protected from the rain. It's a good thing they are safely covered in their <b>shelter</b>, because the rain is really coming down hard now.</i></p>
<p><b>P 18-19 Read 18</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Oh, a butterfly (point) fluttered its wings- flapped them quickly- to get under the hedge. It didn't want to get we either.</i></p>	<p><b>P 20-21 Read 21</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>            Point to animals as you name them. <i>Oh, I see a <b>hummingbird</b> and also some ants and a <b>grasshopper</b>. Oh, and there's another animal right here. It's a field mouse and it looks like she's wiping water off her face with her paws. Her fur looks kind of <b>soaked</b>. I think she might have been in the rain for a while.</i></p>	<p><b>P 22-23 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>            Point to the rain. <i>It's not raining so hard now. It was a short rain <b>shower</b>.</i></p>

<p><b>P 24-25 Read : 1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b></p> <p><i>Oh, I can see the <b>raindrops</b> splattering on the turtle’s shell. (Point) They just break apart when they hit it. The turtle isn’t inside the rabbits’ <b>shelter</b>, but I guess he can just pull his head inside his shell if he doesn’t want it to get wet.</i></p>	<p><b>P 26-27 Read 26 : 1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b></p> <p><i>They are all hopping out at once this time. I think they are very excited about going back out to play in the grass. Now that it’s not their first time, they aren’t afraid to just hop out as fast as they can.</i></p>	<p><b>P 28-29 Read 28 : 1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b></p> <p><i>Tag is a chasing game. (Point to the two baby rabbits on the right) They look like they’re having fun.</i></p>
<p><b>Story Discussion: 1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b></p> <p><i>Well, these rabbits certainly learned a lot today. This was their first day out of the nest and it rained! They had to hurry back to their shelter under the hedge, and other animals came inside too. Do you remember what some of these other animals were?.....</i></p> <p><i>Flip back in book. If there is time, ask each child which part of the story he or she liked the best. Well, we need to stop for today but we will read this book again another day.</i></p>		